

### FRENCH AND BRITISH FORCES ON OFFENSIVE REPORT SOME SUCCESS

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[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The offensive movement of the French and British has become general, and is being pushed with strong forces, particularly in Flanders, Argonne, Woevre and Alsace, and while the French claim to have been successful at all points except at Steinbach, Alsace, a German official statement says the allies' attacks were unsuccessful in several places. On the whole, however, it would appear the allies, who now have superiority in numbers, as well as in artillery, have succeeded in making some progress, and have withstood the vigorous counter attacks delivered by the Germans.

The fact that the allies are in possession of Hellebeke, in Flanders, and that heavy fighting is going on again today, shows they made an appreciable advance during the past two days, as last week they were being attacked by the invaders two miles to the west of Steloy, which is on the Ypres-Armentieres road.

In the Argonne region the French simply say:

"We made progress and maintained our advance of the preceding days."

The force which has been checked at Steinbach is the left wing of the army which for some time has been fighting its way toward Muehlhausen, and which has cleared a considerable part of Alsace of Germans. It is evident, while the Germans are preparing to offer stubborn resistance to the attempted advances in the regions mentioned in the official communications, they expect the main attacks of the allies will be made in another direction, or are themselves preparing for an offensive, for they have gathered considerable forces at Courtrai from which point they could be quickly transferred either to Flanders or southward across the French frontier.

The only news from the east this evening is the admission of the German general staff that the German column, which advanced through Mlaw toward Warsaw "has recaptured old positions owing to the superiority of the enemy." This in a message, confirms the Russian accounts of victory on this part of the battle front.

The Austrians have succeeded in again crossing the Carpathians, according to their own account, driving the Russian left back toward the River San. This Austrian army, assisted by German reinforcements, has undertaken the rather difficult task of forcing a Russian withdrawal from the front of Cracow, and also the relieving of Przemyel. The Austrians apparently met at least partial success in the former project. Their army in Serbia, however, has not recovered from the surprise which the Servians gave it. Just when they were thought to be beaten the Servians turned on the invaders and drove them westward and northward out of Serbian territory.

The only part of Serbia remaining in Austrian hands is the small territory, including the towns of Shabatz and Lomnitz. The little Montenegrin army also is doing its share and, according to a Cetinje report, has succeeded in

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### Charity Paper Salesmen To Meet Tonight At Y.M.C.A.

In order that no one in Phoenix may go hungry or unclothed on Christmas day, there have been several movements organized in the city for providing means to meet this want. Among the most prominent of these is that of the young business men who have decided to sell papers on the Saturday before Christmas, which will be next Saturday, and thus provide a fund for actual service, at a time when money is really needed for that sort of work.

A meeting of this organization has been called for the Y. M. C. A. in the office of Secretary Harry M. Blair for tonight at 8 o'clock, at which time the final plans for the selling corps will be laid and the final instructions issued to all members of the corps.

The work of paper salesmanship that will be shown by many of the prominent men of the city, many of whom were newsboys themselves in their early years, may be an eye opener for the present set of little workers who daily sell papers upon the street. Anyway there will be

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#### TO TEST EIGHTY PER CENT LAW

TUCSON, Dec. 15.—A test of the Arizona anti-alien labor law adopted at the November election was begun in a suit filed in the United States court by Mike Riach, an Austrian cook, enjoining William Truax, a restaurateur, from discharging him. He says the new law conflicts with the Fourteenth amendment of the United States constitution.

The law provides that at least eighty per cent of the employees of a concern employing more than five must be American citizens. Riach states in his suit that he is skilled in his work and unfitted to take other occupation.

### German Cruiser Interned At Guam Pacific Possession

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The German cruiser Cormorant, with twenty-two officers, and 355 men has interned at Guam, according to dispatches from the American naval governor.

The voluntary internment of the Cormorant at Guam, and American Pacific ocean insular possession, brought up what promised to be a troublesome question involving the observance of American neutrality to a prompt and final adjustment. This is the second German warship to intern in American waters. The Geier interned at Honolulu some time ago.

AGAINST LITERACY TEST

Wilson Does Not Approve Measure, But Does Not Seek Its Amendment

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Although the president frankly said he did not believe the literacy test for aliens in the pending immigration bill a fair test for the men and women who wish to come to this country, he has no disposition to amend the senate bill, now nearing a vote. This bill, though changed slightly, still retains the literacy test. The senate struck out the provisions of the house bill authorizing the secretary of labor to place medical officers on immigrant ships for observation during the voyage. Seven foreign powers protested against this provision.

STEAMER SHARON MISSING

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The Canadian government steamer Sharon with coal from Sydney to Newport, Wales, is believed to have struck a mine and foundered. She is a month overdue.

### RICH BULLION HAUL MADE BY PIMA'S NEW SHERIFF-ELECT

(Special to The Republican)

TUCSON, Dec. 15.—Deputy Sheriff A. W. Forbes, now sheriff-elect of Pima county, made the most valuable haul ever made in Arizona when he took into custody today M. G. Gonzalez and Arturo Ponce, who had \$50,000 in gold and silver bullion in their possession, which will be forfeited to the United States because it

was not declared and was brought into this country surreptitiously.

Forbes received word that a strange truck which required four men to load had arrived from Nogales. He went to the station and saw it loaded into an automobile; then one man sat on the truck and the other followed in another automobile.

He went to a Mexican rooming-house at Sixth avenue and Fifth street, where he saw one of the men in the yard cutting slats for the truck and saw a new trunk being delivered from Steinfeld's. He then rushed to a justice of the peace and obtained a search warrant.

He came back and found the men, each of whom is but 29 years old, in a room. Upon opening the trunk, he saw six bars of bullion which he estimates as worth at least \$75,000. The men confessed and showed him where more was hidden under the bed in newspapers. It had been their intention to divide the heavy load into two trunks in order not to excite suspicion.

Secret service men knew that these two young fellows, who are only tools of higher-ups, came recently from El Paso to Tucson and Nogales and thence to the army of the north in Sonora. They had a trunk containing \$225,000 of Villa money which they sold for the captured bullion.

When arrested, they wired the Villa agent at El Paso for bonds. Both are now in the custody of Forbes. They were arraigned before Commissioner E. F. Jones today.

### MORE TROOPS ARE ORDERED TO THE BORDER

Three Regiments of Infantry and Three More Batteries of Artillery Leave for Naco to Stop Firing Across Boundary

#### MANY EXECUTIONS IN MEXICO CITY

Prominent Officials Are Secretly Put to Death in the Capital. But City is Reported Quiet—Smallpox at Naco

NACO, Dec. 15.—Maytorena, Villista commander of the troops besieging Naco, Sonora, received tonight a message from Gutierrez ordering him to cease the attack rather than "jeopardize international relations until some means can be found whereby firing into American territory can be avoided." Maytorena said he would so order but would not withdraw his troops. Both the message and statement are considered here to be evasive and vague.

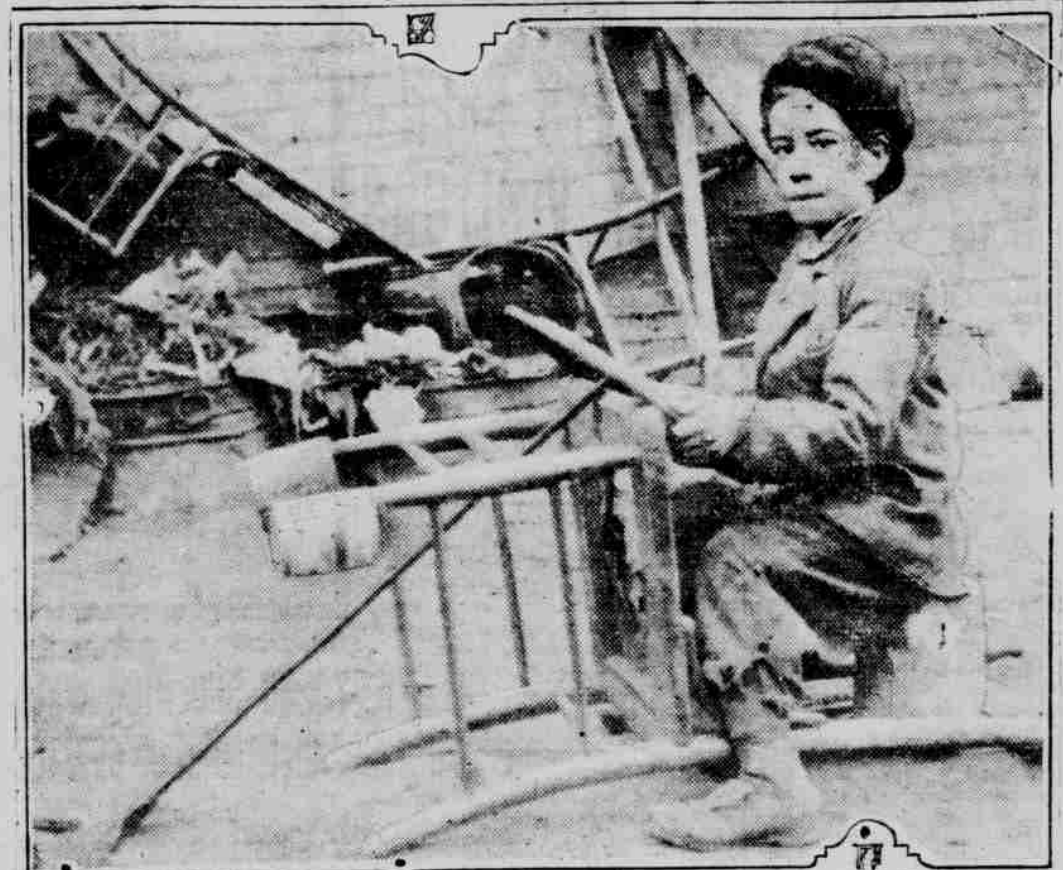
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Further demonstration was made today by the United States government of its determination not to tolerate continued firing by the Mexican factions at Naco, Sonora, into American territory. The president instructed Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss at Naco, Ariz., for reinforcements, and three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery have been ordered there. There is a general understanding that the United States will return artillery or infantry fire coming from Mexican territory. It will require three days for the troops to reach Naco, and the Mexican factions have that period in which to comply with the demands or be shelled out of their position.

The reinforcements ordered will bring the total forces of the American army at Naco to about 5000, including eleven troops of cavalry, three regiments of infantry and six batteries of artillery with twenty-four guns. Gill has 1800 and Maytorena 3500 men. The troops to be sent are three regiments of infantry from Galveston or Texas City and one battery of 4.7 guns and two batteries of 4.7 howitzers from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The following statement was issued by Secretary Garrison, late today: "In view of the condition on the border, as he sees them, General Bliss has requested that additional infantry and artillery be sent him. In compliance with this request the following troops are being dispatched

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### LET'S GIVE HIM A REAL TOY THIS CHRISTMAS



### Big Brothers And Sisters Club A Success

The Republican's Big Brother and Big Sister Club, the movement for the organization of which, began yesterday with the presentation of a plan whereby the good men and women of Phoenix may assist in insuring that there will be no empty stockings in Phoenix on Christmas morning, was given a good start and there is promise of glowing success. Almost before the office force of The Republican had arrived for the day, Mrs. George Purdy Bullard called up and said she wanted to be enrolled and said she was sending her check for five dollars to be used as thought best. Even before the paper had gone to press, members of The Republican force had tendered contributions. The list as it comes in will be turned over to the Municipal Christmas tree committee, this being in line with the promise of The Republican at the time Manager Parish proposed the placing of the big tree in the city hall plaza to aid in every way possible and to take to itself no credit for the help it may be privileged to offer. Those who will become a Big Brother or a Big Sister, just for this Christmas Day and who will promise to see to it that one little boy or girl, or more than one, has a joyous Christmas should call up today and give their name and address and signify just how they feel they can help in this movement.

Join the Big Brothers and Big Sister Club today.

### ROCKEFELLER'S CONCILIATION BOARD PLAN

John D., Jr., Believes Much Labor Trouble Could Be Averted if Employes and Employers Named Joint Grievance Committee

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

DENVER, Dec. 15.—The plan of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for a conciliation board within the Colorado Fuel and Iron company for the settlement of disputes between the company and its employes, was revealed before the federal commission on industrial relations. J. F. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, recalled as a witness in the miners' strike investigation, read a letter from Rockefeller, endorsing the suggestion by W. L. Mackenzie King, former secretary of labor of Canada, outlining a scheme for the proposed mediation board.

The plan provided for the appointment of one or more boards on which officers of the company and employes would be represented. A miner who had a grievance against the pit boss, for example, could take an appeal directly to the mediation board.

"This feature probably would not appeal to the pit bosses and managers who may desire absolute authority," comments Mr. King in his letter outlining the plan.

The letter of Mr. Rockefeller, endorsing King's proposal, was written on August 7, last, and addressed to Welborn.

"For some months," Rockefeller wrote, "we have been talking with different ones who are familiar with the subject about some simple machinery which would insure quick and easy access on the part of employes of the fuel company to the officers of the company with reference to any grievances, real or assumed, or with reference to wages or conditions of employment, feeling that the officers of the company might think the construction of some simple mechanism of this kind would tend to promote a kindly feeling between the employes and officers, as well as to be further evidence to the public of the entirely fair and just attitude of the officers toward their men."

DISMISSES LYNCH LIBEL SUIT

Justice Guy Says Class, Not Individual May Have Been Injured

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Supreme Court Justice Guy dismissed the \$100,000 libel suit of James M. Lynch, former president of the International Typographical Union, against John

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### LIQUOR MEN START FIGHT ON DRY LAW

Three Complaints Filed in U. S. District Court—Temporary Restraining Order Waived if Cases Can Be Tried Before Jan.

#### IMPOSING LEGAL LINE-UP READY

Fight Will Probably Be Started in Los Angeles on December 21, Before Circuit and District Judges, According to U. S. Law

Three complaints, setting forth the positions of the retail druggists, the wholesale liquor dealers, and the saloons were filed in the office of Assistant Clerk Bob Webb of the United States District Court, at about two o'clock yesterday, and the fight that the liquor interests are making on the prohibition amendment is definitely on. One other complaint, identical with the others, except that it is by the Catholic church, is expected to be filed before Clerk George W. Lewis of the federal court at Tucson.

Under the judicial code of the United States, applications for interlocutory injunctions, to prevent state officials from enforcing provisions of state constitutions, must be heard before three federal judges. And it specifies that one of these judges must be either of the supreme court of the United States or of a circuit court of appeals. The other two may be from any federal court. For this reason, Arizona's liquor fight will probably be held in Los Angeles, where either Judge Morrow, Judge Van Fleet or Judge Ross of the ninth circuit court of appeals can sit. Judge William H. Sawtelle of the federal court for Arizona, and Judges Wellborn and Bledsoe of the southern district court of California, have been mentioned as possible associates on this case.

In waiving the right to ask for a temporary restraining order against the attorney general, county attorneys and sheriffs of Arizona, the wet forces have asked that the case be set for some date between now and the first of the year, December 21, has been mentioned as the possible date for opening the arguments in Los Angeles. In case the requests are granted, and the case does go to trial on that date, the very fact that the matter is in litigation, will prevent the defendant officials from enforcing the provisions of Arizona's prohibition amendment on January first. This, then, will act as the temporary injunction. The complaints ask that the amendment be considered in contravention of the United States constitution, null and void, and that a perpetual interlocutory injunction be granted, restraining the defendants from enforcing the amendment or any portion of it, during their several terms of office.

Imposing Lineup.

The legal lineup for the coming battles is a most imposing one. The wet interests have retained a number of the best known lawyers of the state. For the wholesale liquor interests, the Melzer Brothers company of this city, with Ernest W. Lewis, Thomas Armstrong Jr., George Purdy Bullard, Richard E. Sloan and James Westervelt as advocates.

The Adams Hotel company, suing for the associated saloon interests is represented by George Purdy Bullard, Thomas Armstrong Jr., and Ernest W. Lewis.

The Owl Drug and Candy company of Prescott, for the retail druggists of Arizona, has retained Reese M. Ling of Phoenix and Leroy Anderson and Richard Lamson of Prescott.

The Catholic church, for which Father Conley or Tucson, is suing in the name of Bishop Henry Gran Jon, is represented by Eugene S. Ives and John B. Wright, both of Tucson.

For the state, Attorney General Wiley F. Jones and his assistants will uphold the dry amendment. In addition, the

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### WILSON WILL SEND WARSHIPS TO CANAL ZONE

President Decides to Guard Against Violation of Neutrality by Belligerent Ships—Wireless Removed from British Collier

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The president and his cabinet decided to send American warships to the canal zone to guard against violation of neutrality by belligerent ships. It has been made clear that delay in action was due to lack of information.

How many ships, whether destroyers, cruisers, or battleships, will be determined after full reports have been received from Goethals, military commander of the canal zone, and Captain Rodman, naval officer of the canal. In two dispatches, it is said Goethals gave no specific information confirming the first report regarding the use of wireless in violation of neutrality. If the canal zone is being used as a base of supplies Goethals will be instructed to use the land force to prevent such violations. Should it develop that wireless is being used within territorial waters the naval department, in charge of such questions will be asked to explain, Goethals, according to the war department, having no jurisdiction over the radio situation.

"Whatever is necessary to be done," said Secretary Daniels tonight, "to carry out the executive order of the president with reference to radio communication will be done. The telegram from the radio officer at the canal zone shows he is on the job." He says: "For communication with British cruisers from the west coast, I have dismantled the radio apparatus of one British collier at Balboa, Canal Zone."

"Destroyers or other ships will be

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Volunteers From College Camps To Defend Country

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The organization of a dependable volunteer army through college camps; federal control of the militia; increase in the regular army and a provision for adequate armament are essentials for meeting a sudden attack of any hostile power upon the United States, members of the Merchants' association of New York were told by Major General Leonard Wood and Henry L. Stimson, former secretary of war.

Not a large army, but a fully efficient one is needed, Wood stated, and in filling this need of college camps must play an important part in training volunteer officers for it is upon the volunteers of the country must ultimately depend, he said.

Wood also expressed the opinion that if we had compulsory training of all men in this country there would be less talk of war.

Stimson urged the training of citizens in the use of arms and the provision of adequate equipment for the army and a more efficient expenditure of money no where spent on the army and navy.

Kirby, and other directors of the National Associations of Manufacturers for passing resolutions charging the union with responsibility for the dynamite explosion which killed a score of employes in the Los Angeles Times building in 1910. The justice stated that no officers of the union are specifically mentioned, and held "where a libel against a whole class, no individual can maintain a civil libel action against the author."

### Lord's Supper Symbolization Prevented By Prohibition

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]

TUCSON, Dec. 15.—The story of the Lord's supper is recited in the petition for an injunction against the enforcement of the Arizona prohibition law, filed in the United States district court in behalf of the Catholic church here. Judge Sawtelle will have a hearing tomorrow.

The last supper, with the breaking of bread and the giving of wine is symbolized by the Catholic ceremony mass and the priests' petition sets forth Christ's command, "Do this in commemoration of me," as a mandate upon the church to continue a sacrament, which, it is contended, will be prohibited by the sweeping provisions of the "dry" law.

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